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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Group Art Unit: 3625

Application No.: 09/390,025

Examiner: Bonderer, David A.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AGGREGATING BUYERS FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES VIA A NETWORK

**RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2002, the time for responding thereto having expired on October 11, 2002 being extended three months pursuant to the attached petition for an extension of time, Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Examiner's rejections:

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. The Examiner has provided notice that claims 1-22 are rejected.

**The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Shavit et. al. in view of Shkedy. Applicants respectfully traversed the rejection. Shavit et. al., alone or combined with Shkedy, does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.